

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jonathan Cutler and Mr. Harvey Auerback on 11/18/2008.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (filed 4/14/2008)

In claim 18

- On line 10, after "to substantially match", "**the contour of the cover**" has been changed to --
a contour of the engine --.

In claim 22

- On line 2, before "contour of the engine", "**a**" has been changed to -- **the** --.

In claim 25

- On line 1, after "claim 22 wherein", "**a variable distance is maintained between a surface of the recess and a surface of the engine**" has been changed to -- **a gap between the second silencer and the engine is non uniform --**.

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In claim 41

- On line 10, after “a vibro-acoustic treatment”, “**disposed within**” has been changed to – **occupying a majority of --**.
- On line 11, before “of the volume”, “**the shape**” has been changed to – **internal and external contours --**.

In claim 49

- On line 12, after “a shaped lower silencer”, “**having a shape that substantially matches the shape of the volume, the shaped lower silencer being disposed in the volume**” has been changed to – **occupying substantially the entire volume and matching the outer contour of the midsection --**.

In claim 55

- On line 15, after “to substantially match”, “**the contour of the cover**” has been changed to -- **a contour of the engine --**.

In claim 56

- On line 16, after “to substantially match”, “**the contour of the cover**” has been changed to -- **a contour of the engine --**.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay Vasudeva whose telephone number is (571) 272-6689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 12:00 -- 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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